

Tracy Barker (Ethics)

From: Erica Dukes
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Tracy Barker (Ethics)
Subject: FW: Is a charitable contribution considered a thing of value: Ethics Training Inquiries

Hi Tracy,

Please see the email below. This person is requesting an advisory opinion.

Thanks,

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Ethics Training Inquiries

Good afternoon:

Without requesting a formal opinion, could the LA EAP advise if making a charitable contribution to a not-for-profit entity in the name of a public employee would be considered a gift of a thing of value?

For example, as my business is prohibited from giving a holiday gift to a employee of public entity with whom I do business, would it be acceptable to make a charitable contribution in their name? The employee would only receive a recognition of the charitable organization's appreciation of having supported the not-for-profit charitable organization.

Please advise.

Thank you.

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